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ENDANGERED SPECIES CHIEF APPOINTED

John Spinks, 34, has been named Chief of the Office of Endangered Species with the Interior Department's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

As Chief of the Endangered Species Office, Spinks will be responsible for administering all facets of the Service programs including listing and delisting actions, recovery plans and operations, and Federal aid to State programs.

Spinks, a graduate of Texas A&M in wildlife sciences, has more than 10 years experience with State conservation work as well as field work for two major private conservation groups. From 1966 to 1968 he worked in the South Carolina Wildlife Resources Department as Chief of Information and Education. From 1969 to 1973 he served as the Southwest Regional Representative of the National Audubon Society in Austin, Texas. From 1973 to 1974 he was the Field Director for the Wildlife Society in Washington, D.C.

In 1974 he was appointed as Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife and Parks where he served until being named to his present position.

Spinks lives in Arlington, Virginia.